ZERO ONE

01

GAMEDESIGNA

Hideyo OKU

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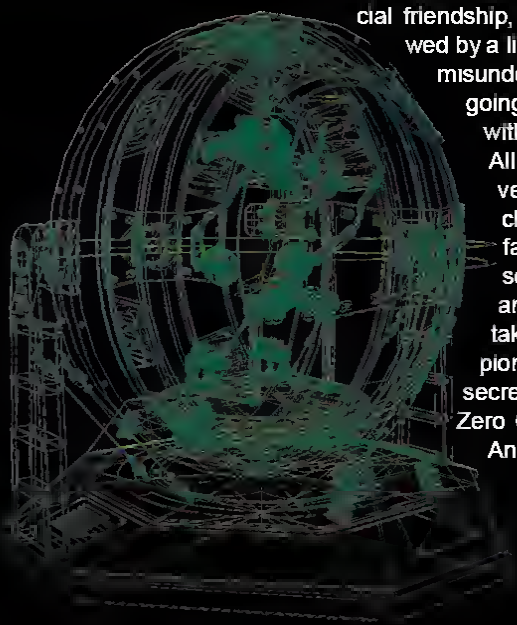
INTRODUCTION

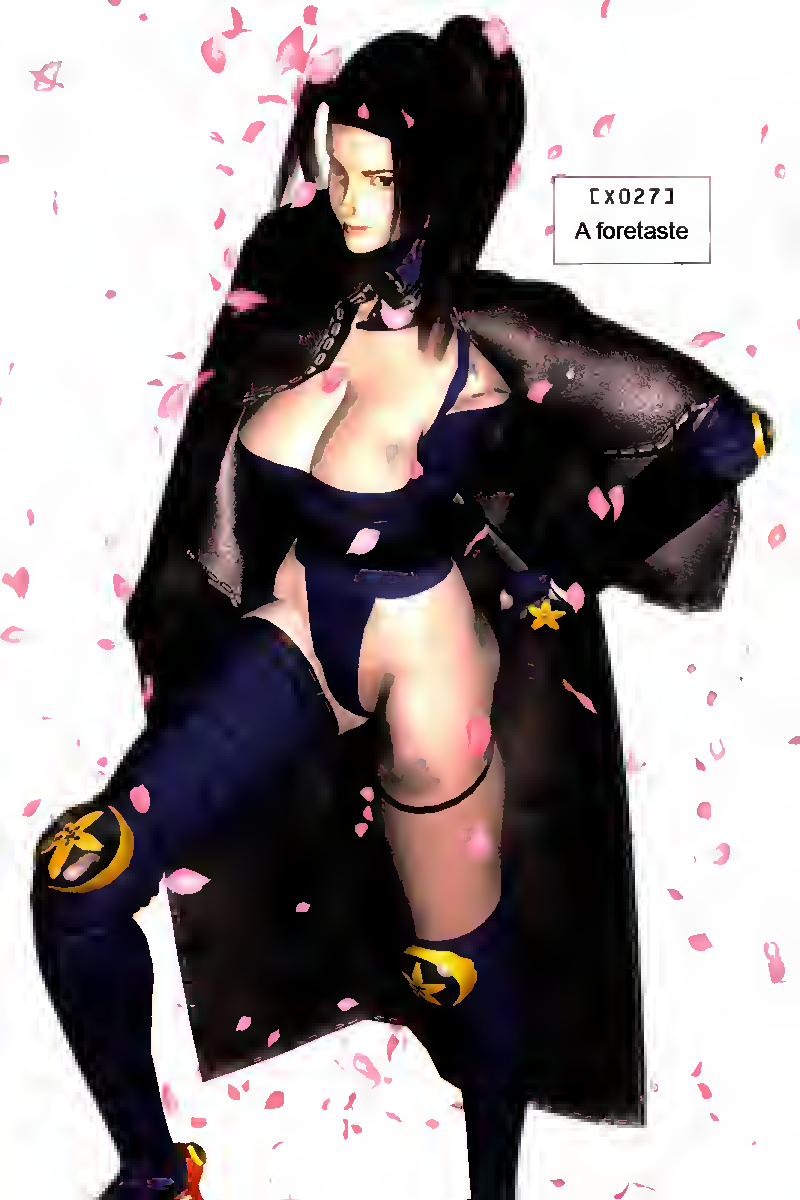
After his defeat against Richard Gere Hijikata didn't show up at the game center anymore. Due to this fact Nero decides to challenge Richard Gere to win him for his team. The upcoming fight is so intense and spectacular that it draws the attention of the other players who show up in the game center to find out more about Zero One. In this way Nero and Suruta find their seven players: a mixed group of experienced players and bloody greenhorns. Because of his wrong presumptions Hijikata is believed to be excluded from the team. He joins another team for revenge. But does that team really want him as member?

While the championship is drawing closer Nero meets Alois in the MBZ. In the virtual arena they develop a special friendship, which is overshadowed by a lie though. To clear the misunderstanding Alois is going to Tokyo to meet up with Nero.



All secrets are finally revealed the night of the championship: Nero's father finds out that his son is playing MBZ and prohibits him from taking part in the championship. The terrible secret of the mysterious Zero One disc is revealed. And Nero finds out the truth Alois was hiding from him...

カッ!!
ズズズッ
KSSSSH
BAAAM
バチ
バチ


[X027]
A foretaste

BAM

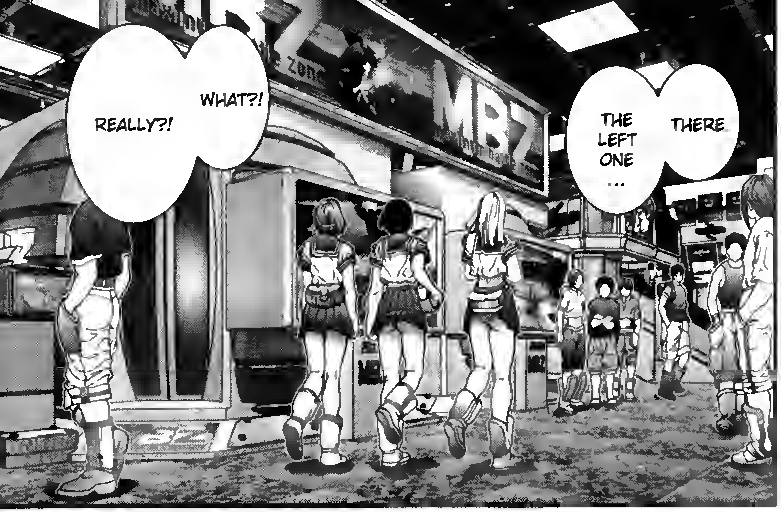
...
BUT
REALLY
MY TYPE.
THIS
FEMALE
NINJA IS
PRETTY
TOUGH...
EYES
!?
BLINK
EYE

ドドド

BA
AM
ANTI-SHIELD
PUFF

CRASH
FUCK

HELLO.
YOU ARE IN A GAME CENTER, RIGHT?
YEAH, ETSUJI JUST LOST.
PSSSH
THAT'S NOT FAIR.
I CAN'T CONCENTRATE AT ALL. SHE'S DISTRACTING ME.
HA HA HA HA!
LOOK. GAME CENTER.
SHIT. I KNOW IT THE PLAYER IS A GUY.
DON'T YOU KNOW IT?
WHAT?
OH...
THERE YOU GO. YOUR NINJA FIGHTER.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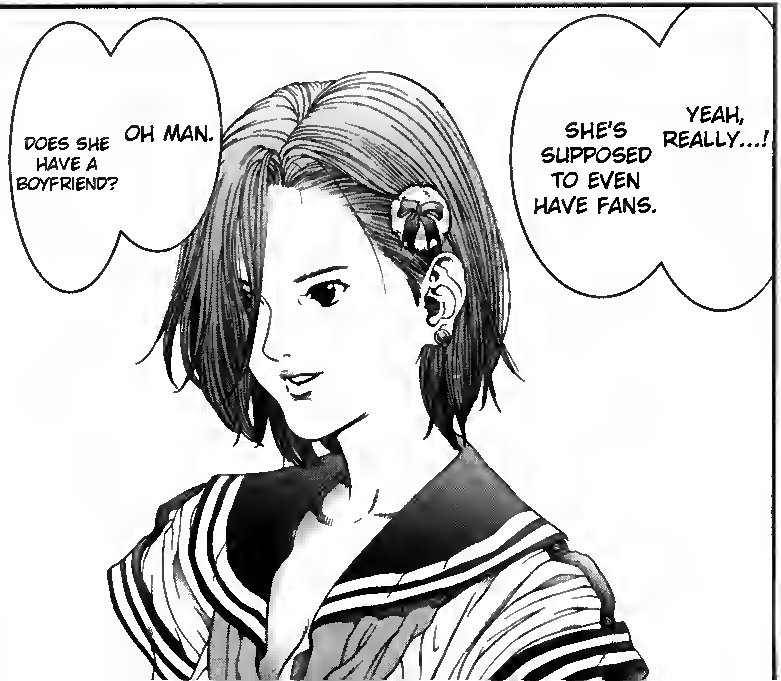
THE LEFT ONE ...
WHAT?!
REALLY?!


YEAH, REALLY...!
SHE'S SUPPOSED TO EVEN HAVE FANS.
OH MAN.
DOES SHE HAVE A BOYFRIEND?

WE ARE LIVE AT ZETA ENTERTAINMENT.
THIS IS MR. SUZUKI OF THE PUBLIC RELATIONS DEPARTMENT.
GOOD EVENING
ZETA'S NEWEST GAME IS MBZ.
SUPPOSED TO HAVE MORE THEN 1 BILLION PLAYERS WORLDWIDE.
ZETA
MBZ
YATSUHASHI
ME TOO.
HA HA ...
EVEN AS GIRL I HAVE PARTICIPATED IN THIS.
YEAH ME TOO,
EVERYONE HAS PLAYED SUPER HERO WHEN THEY WERE A CHILD.
I THINK...
...IDEA BEHIND THE GAME?
WHAT IS THE...
MR. SUZUKI

THIS GAME LETS EVERYONE BE...
...
A SUPER HERO!!
IN THIS POSITION
YOU CAN FEEL THE POWER.
HAA!
FIRING A LASER BEAM WORKS LIKE THIS
GAHAHA GAHAHA

YEAH.
...THE PLAYERS ARE REALLY MOVING?
DOES THAT MEAN...
TU M
TU M
LOOK HERE
THIS GUY...
...FEELS LIKE...
...HE'S REALLY JUMPING 16 FEET HIGH
FOR THE PLAYERS IT ALL SEEMS TO BE REAL.
PLAYERS TRANSFORM TO SUPER HEROES
THEY RUN AND JUMP BY THEMSELVES.
MBZ

LOOK
AH IT'S OVER
. ARE MEN STRONGER THAN WOMEN HERE?
WITH ALL THE PHYSICAL ACTIVITY...
WHOA!
BOTH ARE WINNERS ..
..OF MBZ CHAMPIONSHIPS.
REALLY?
MRS. OISHI IS A CLERK
MR. MINEGISHI GOT THE BLACK BELT IN KARATE.

IN OUR SUPER HERO SIMULATOR ...
EVERYONE IS FIGHTING ON THE SAME LEVEL.
EVERYONE CAN PLAY IT.
UNIMPORTANT IF THEY ARE CHILDREN, WOMEN OR MARTIAL ARTISTS.
THE GAME IS LEAD BY AN AI.
TO ENSURE THAT THE CONDITIONS ARE FAIR IN THE GAME
EVEN SOMEONE WHO CAN'T RAISE HIS LEG IN REALITY IS ABLE TO KICK HIGH.
PUSH
...
TUM
TUM
TUM
TUM

ZEA ENTERTAINMENT PRESENTS
I'M IN THE MBZ. I WANT TO TRY...
OH!
IS ..
THAT RIGHT LIKE THIS?
OOHH!
WOW!
THAT'S REALLY AWESOME.
HERE IS THE 9 O'CLOCK NEWS.

...A BIT LATE TODAY.
I'M COMING HOME...
OH MY GOD!
NO PROBLEM. I HAVE ALREADY EATEN
NO...NOTHING.
WHAT ARE YOU WATCHING THERE? SOMETHING INTERESTING?

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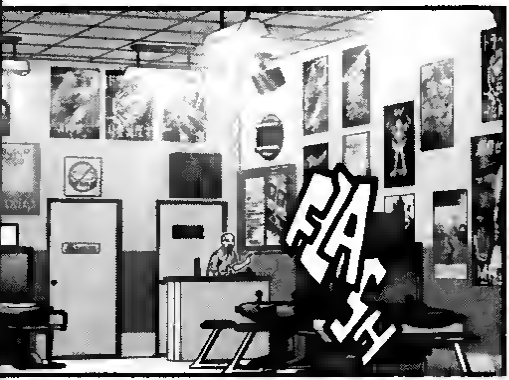
FLASH

HI, OLD MAN!!

SHOPS
RUN
WHAT

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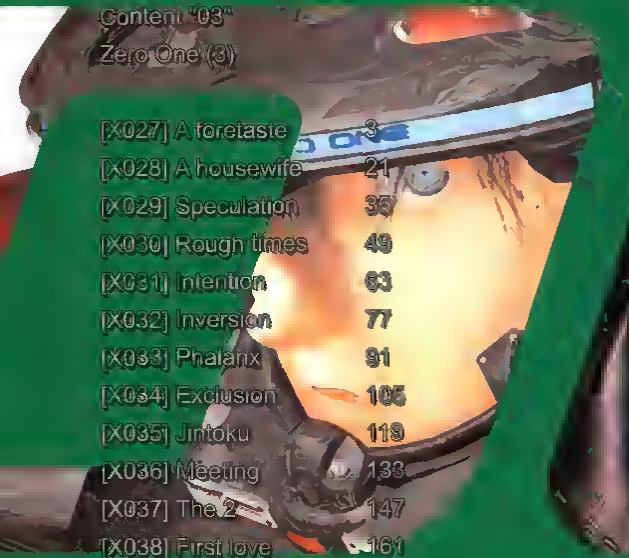

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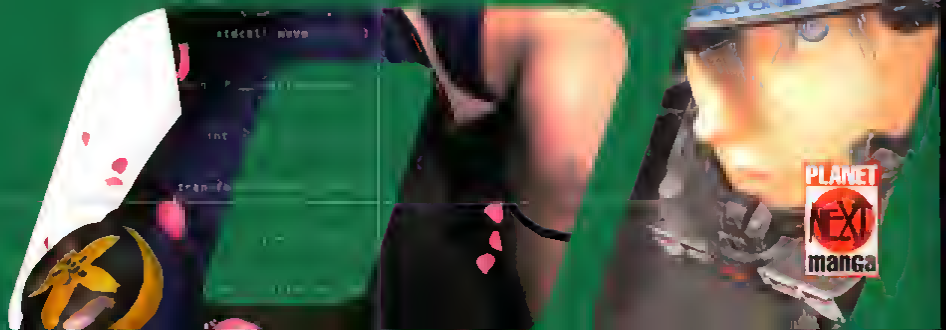

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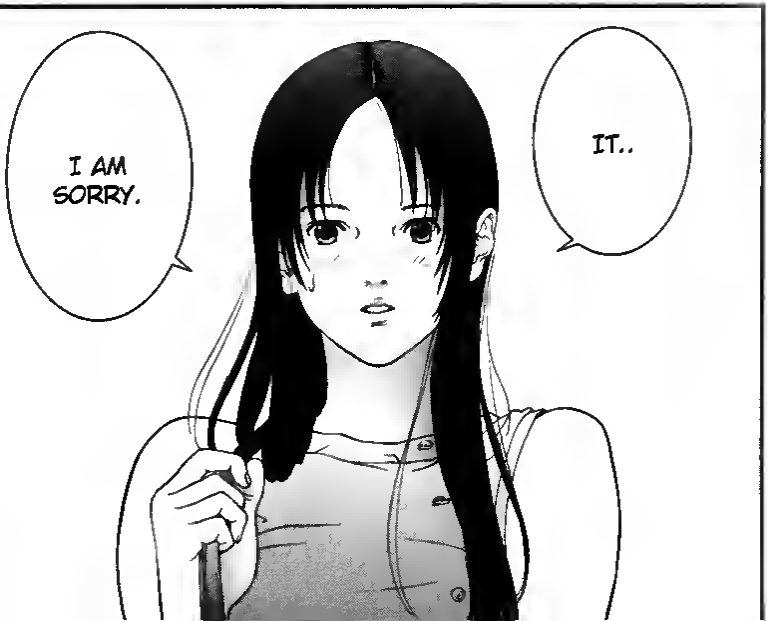
[X028]
A housewife

I WILL TURN IT ON IMMEDIATELY
GOOD DAY.
VUUUU
...WILL COME BACK LATER.
I ...
OUCH!
OH!
ARE YOU CRAZY? RICHARD GERE?
PLANE

!?
...
WHOOPS
...

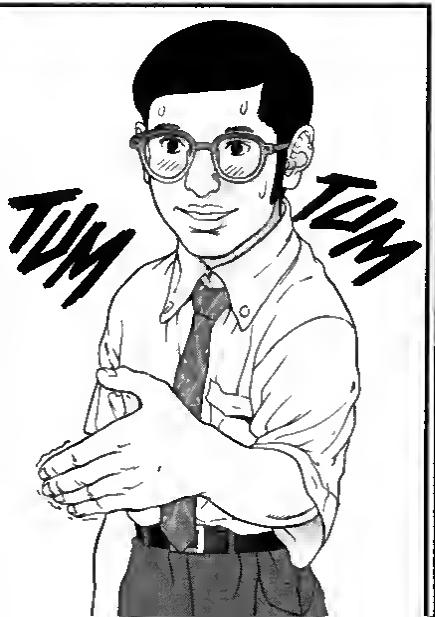

I AM
SORRY.
IT..

OH BUT...
I WILL TURN IT ON
ONE MOMENT PLEASE
TAP
IT WAS.
TURNED OFF AND
OH...
WHAT'S UP HERE?
UUUU
UUU!
FLIP
GASP

THE ONE ON TV WAS CLOSED.
THE MECHANICS ARE ALL VISIBLE.

...

IS IT YOUR FIRST TIME?
ERM .
YEA.


TUM
TUM

LET'S HAVE A TRY!!
IT WILL BE FINE
TA

GRAB
FUSH
PLEASE.
FRUSH

I HAVE TO BUY SOME.
THE SOJA SAUCE RAN OUT.
ZUP
WHAT?
NOTHING.
PSSH
THE BREASTS ARE PROBABLY TOO BIG.
THAT'S A BIT NARROW FOR ME.
OH!!
HELLO.
HE...
HELLO...
SHE'S NOT HUMAN
WHAT DO I OWE YOU FOR THIS?
EVERY-THING'S ALRIGHT.
ANY MORE QUESTIONS?
YES I WILL TAKE THAT ONE.
THE EASIEST ONE PLEASE.

DON'T PANIC! LAND ON YOUR FEET!
AAAAH!!
AAAAH!!
TUM
TUM
TUM

CRUSH
HEY!
HAVE NO FEAR!
THUD

STOMP
SPIN
GO TO HELL!
TAKE THIS, BASTARD!
WOW! WOW!
OH!
OH!

SNOOK
FUM
I CAN RAISE MY LEG REALLY HIGH.
THAT'S AWESOME.
SHRRR
SH.K
OUCH!
OUCH!
OH NO...

OH MY GOD!
OH!
THAT WAS IT?
SHIT!
AAH!
OH!
!!
WHAT A PITY.

THAT'S ME ...?
YEA, ALOT.
HUH? YEA.
DID YOU LIKE IT?
REPLAY
CAMERA
ASSISTANT?
AND ASSISTANT
OLD MAN.
WELL. THANK YOU.
FLIP
FLIP

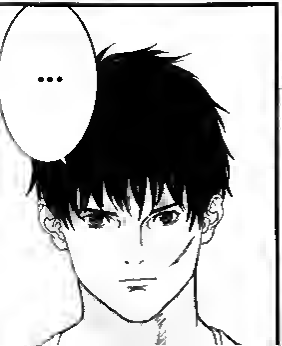
WHAT?
DO YOU WANT TO JOIN US?
I ... I AM LOOKING FOR PLAYERS FOR A GROUP BATTLE
WHAT?

[X029]
Speculation

DAMN.
WHY...?
IT'S JUST A GAME.

BUT SOMEHOW I FEEL MISERABLE FOR LOSING THAT MATCH.
TOO BAD.
GIVE UP.

FUU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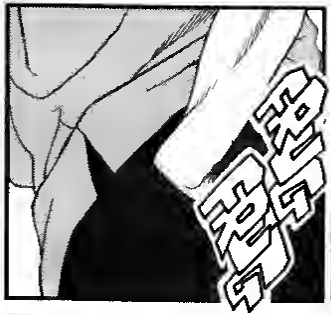
Palace

NO.
NO, THANKS.
DO YOU WANT... JUICE?

Pachinco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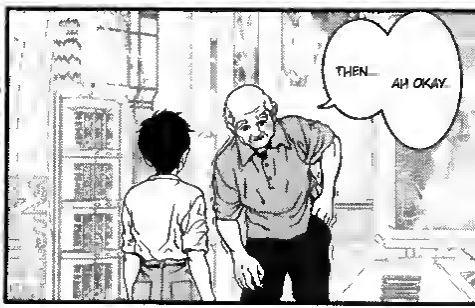
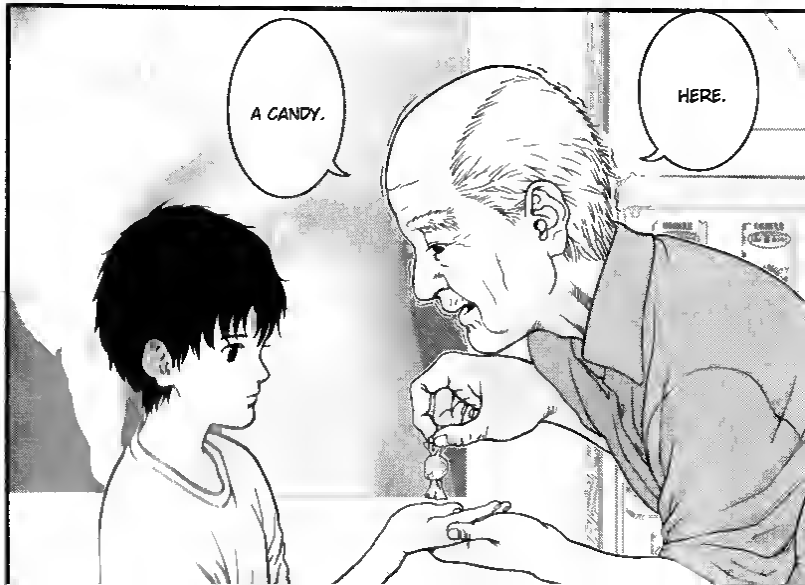

THEN... AH OKAY.


A CANDY.
HERE.

LOOK.
YOU CAN LOOK THROUGH IT.
SHIN
!
SHIN
SHIN
IT'S ALMOST...
...TOO BEATIFUL TO BE EATEN.
...
GRUNT

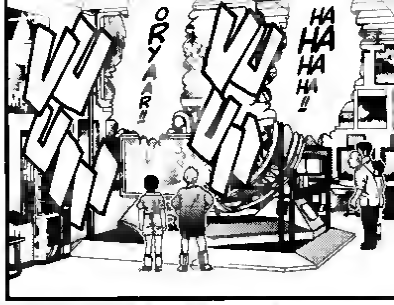
CROCK
CROCK
PIPIPIPIPI PIPIPIPIPI
PIPIPIPIPI PIPIPIPIPI
YOU OLD MORON!!
I'M SORRY
YOU CAN START LOOKING FOR A NEW JOB!!

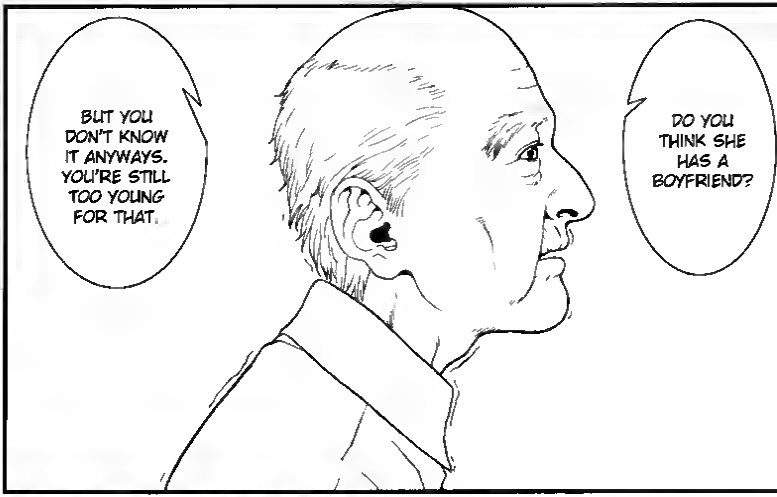
AGAINST RICHARD GERE?
YOU REALLY WANT TO FIGHT AGAINST HIM?
THANKS FOR ALLOWING ME TO USE THE TOILET.
NO DRUG
EMPLOYEE ONLY
WHAT IS THAT?
THIS CRAP HOLE IS TOTALLY OUT-OF-DATE!!

WE PLAY FOR FREE, RIGHT? I'M FIRST.
HEY, IS THIS THE MBZ?
I DON'T WANT A CANDY!!
JUST A SEC.
RATTLE RATTLE
WILL FALL OVER ANY MOMENT.
OH MAN, THIS OLD GEEZER
ARE THEY YOUR FRIENDS?
AT-CHAN
WHO'S THAT MUMMY?
!?
THESE GAMES ARE ANCIENT.
CHA!

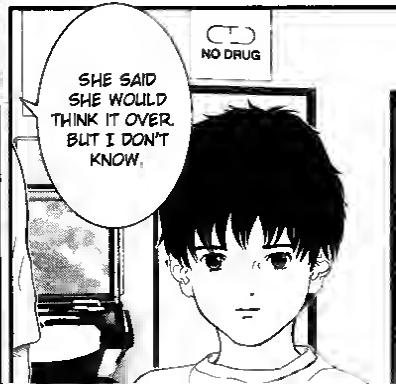
OUT OF THE WAY.
WHAT ARE YOU!?
I TOLD YOU TO MOVE IT!
MIT
HE IS ALLOWED TO...
... PLAY FIRST, AT-CHAN!!
I'M FIRST!!
YOU'RE GOING TO LOSE ANYWAYS

THE WOMAN BEFORE WAS PRETTY BEAUTIFUL.


HA HA HA HA!!
WAH
WAH
WAH
ORY AR!!


DO YOU THINK SHE HAS A BOYFRIEND?
BUT YOU DON'T KNOW IT ANYWAYS. YOU'RE STILL TOO YOUNG FOR THAT.

... CHAMPION-SHIP
WE WILL WIN THE ...


NO DRUG
SHE SAID SHE WOULD THINK IT OVER. BUT I DON'T KNOW.

IMPOSSIBLE.
WHAT?
WIN?
IT'S NOT IMPOSSIBLE.
HUH?
IMPOSSIBLE?
NEVER.
WE'RE JUST PLAYING FOR FUN.
YOU REALLY MEAN IT?
HA HA HA!

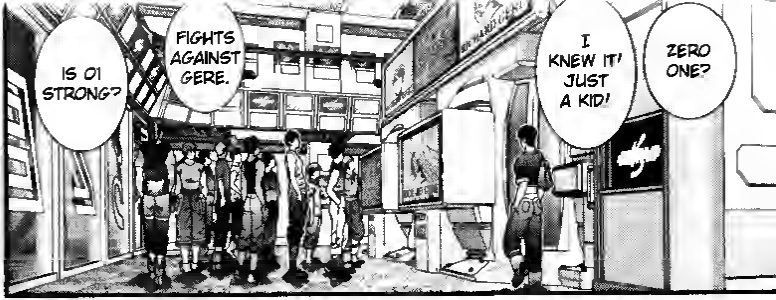
YOU'RE WORRIED ABOUT THE OLD GUY?
YOU...
WHAT?!
THE SHOP ...
...
THEN ...

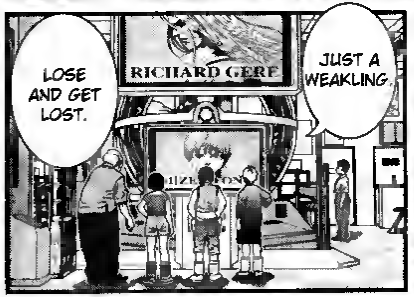
THE BOXER RAN OFF TOO.
YOU CAN'T HELP EVERY POOR GUY YOU COME ACROSS.
YOU CAN'T HELP HIM.

THAT'S HIM.
RICHARD GERE.
MBZ
challenger!!
RICHARD
ERO ONE
OH.
HEY ISN'T 01...
I KNOW 01. I'VE ALREADY SEEN HIM.

HE CAN'T WIN.
IF...
NO.
NOT THIS TIME.
HEY ASSHOLE, IT'S MY TURN.
HA HA HA! LOOK AT THAT STUPID AVATAR.
BUT I THOUGHT THE SAME ...
... AT HIS FIRST GAME.
MAYBE HE'LL BE ABLE TO...

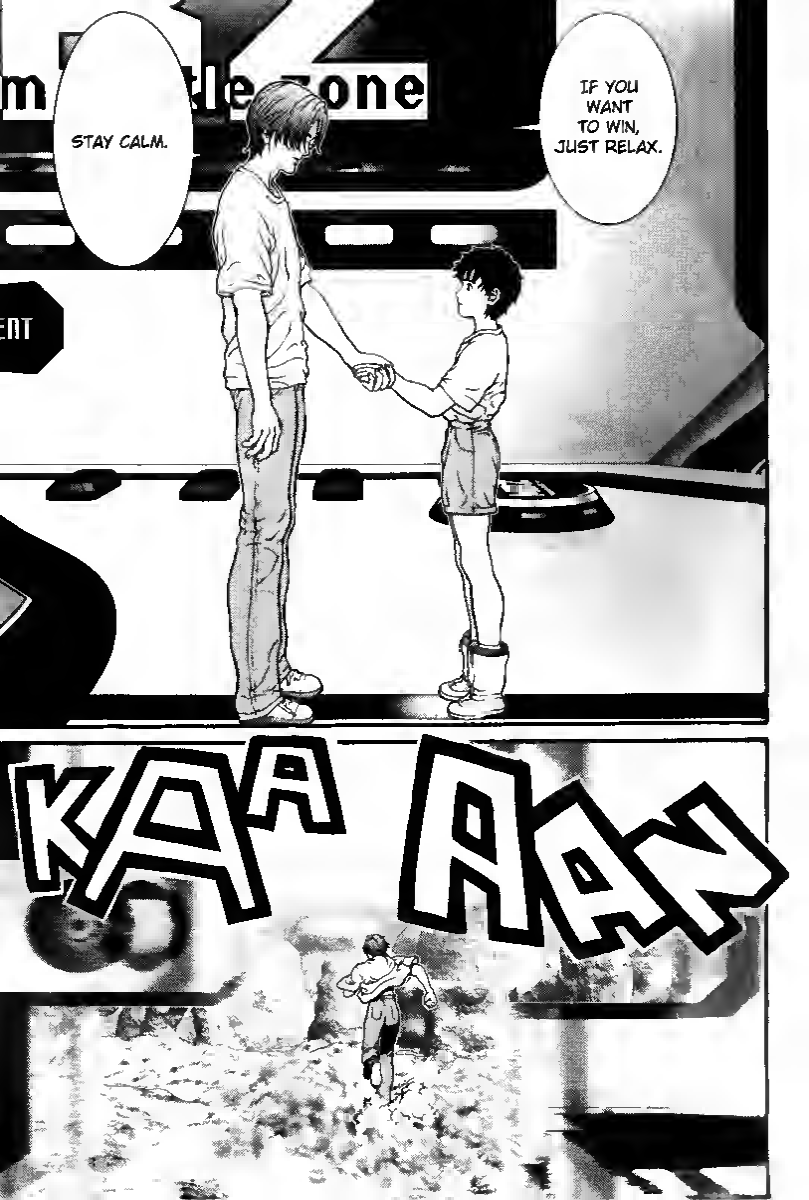
[X030]
Rough Times


IS 01 STRONG?
FIGHTS AGAINST GERE.
I KNEW IT! JUST A KID!
ZERO ONE?


LOSE AND GET LOST.
RICHARD GERE
JUST A WEAKLING.

Pachinko

I WANT TO WIN.
I MUST WIN.


STAY CALM.
IF YOU WANT TO WIN, JUST RELAX.
KAA AAN

TUMP
TUMP
TUMP
THERE...
...!!
TUMP
TUMP
!!
SHAK

HEY!!
NOW IT'S MY TURN!!
LAST TIME YOU MAY HAVE WON!!
FORGOT? LAST WEEK...
IF YOU LOSE... YOU WILL JOIN OUR TEAM.
...
?
?
FROM THE BEGINNING.
HE'S BLUFFING...
THIS TIME I WON'T LOSE.
I HAVE A NEW AVATAR
...THE BOXER?
ARE YOU...

ACTING AS IF HE'S ME.
WHAT? WHO IS THAT?
BL
BLA
...GO INTO CLOSE COMBAT.
HE WON'T...
DID HE BORROW THE DISC?
THAT KID IS 01, ISN'T HE?
WHAT'S GOING ON?
... DEFEATED THE BOXER IN CLOSE COMBAT
HE...
I HAVE TO AVOID CLOSE COMBAT.
HE'S GOING TO AVOID CLOSE COMBAT!!
OF COURSE!!
NO. HE'S BLUFFING.
THIS COULD BE THE KID.

WHAT?
WHAT?
SHUM
SHUM
SHAA
IT COMES!!
!!
WHY?
NO! DON'T!
TRANSFORM!!

ZERO-ONE!!
WHAM
KRASH

!!
KZZAH!!
KA-CHANG
ERO ONE
HEY BOY, DO YOU STILL REMEMBER?
BACK WHEN YOUR FIRST OPPONENT CAUSED TROUBLES?!

HE HELPED ME BACK THEN!!
THAT'S THE GUY!
I REMEMBER IT.
ONCE AGAIN, THANKS A LOT.
FIRR
HA HA HA HA HA!
HA HA HA HA HA!
SO AFTER ALL..
THE BOY ..
AH...
HAS THE BOXER ...
... DEFEATED YOU?
UH. HE HASN'T.

ONLY IF I LOSE...
AS I SAID...
NO.
PLEASE JOIN US!?
EVEN IF I LOSE!!
WELL SURE.
...
LET'S START.
THE CLOCK'S RUNNING.
UH...

...THE STRONGER YOUR ARMORED MODE WILL BE.
IT'S OF NO USE. THE LONGER YOU STAY IN THE SIMPLE MODE...
IDIOT. THE TRANSFORMATION WAS TOO EARLY.
NORMAL
...
HE IS TALKING TO HIMSELF.
UH-OH...
ONLY NORMAL STRONG.
THEN IT ISN'T STRONG?

ARE YOU SHOOTING ENERGY BOMBS...?
SHA
THAT'S IT THEN.
!!
SHUT UP.
PA
WOOO

ｱ!
BOOM

[X031]
Intention

LIKE A NINJA...
COWARD...!
HE'S GONE. HA HA HA HA!

YOU COULD BE ABLE TO WIN THE CHAMPIONSHIP TOGETHER WITH ME.
IS IT THAT EASY?
YOU'VE GOT SKILL.
THANKS.
HELP ME, 01...!
AH.
I SAID TOGETHER WITH ME.
UNDERSTAND ME CORRECTLY. YOU CAN'T WIN AGAINST THIS OPPONENT.
FIZZ
SPARKLE

WHAT?
ONLY IF YOU FOLLOW MY INSTRUCTIONS!!

... SIMPLE ...
... SO ...
YOU ARE ...
OH...
WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING AT?
WHAT IS IT?
WHO IS HE TALKING TO?
ARE YOU OI?
...WIN WITH MY OWN STRENGTH
I WANT TO...

DO IT WITHOUT ME.
I SEE.
SCREW IT.
01
01
WHAT?
TAP
TAP
...
WHAT?
HEY...

IF THE TRANSFORMATION WEAKENS ME...
...AND HE CONTINUES TO HIDE I WILL LOSE
SHA
AAK
SHAM
GI
GNE

!!
STAK
SHIT!!

STOP
FIRE!!
ONCE AGAIN...!
WHO

I FEAR HE'S GOING TO WIN.
WHO'S THAT?
ZERO ONE
AWESOME!
OOOH!!
DO SOMETHING DIFFERENT TOO.
NOT ONLY ENERGY BOMBS.
GRRR

BOOM
BAM
CRASH
AAAH!!
HE'S MUCH TOUGHER THAN MY OTHER OPPONENTS.
THINK.

NOW!!
THAT WILL...
NO!
AH!
SHAM
!!
WITH THIS...
... I'LL GET YOU!
BARN

BAM
SHIN
SHIN
WHAT!
HE JUMPED ...!
AARGH!!
DASH

HUH?

HA HA HA! IDIOT.
YOU'RE OUT, DUMBASS!

THAT'S IT.
HAA...

[X3DZ]

REVERSAL

JUST?
HUH ....
AH-AH ....
ZERO ONE.
OUT OF THE RING.

...
STUPID IDIOT. HAHA HA!

YOU CAN'T DO THAT ALONE. LET ME TAKE OVER!!
ZERO ONE, I... I THOUGHT, YOU WERE GONE.
ANF
ANF
ANF
ANF

YOU DON'T HAVE TO DO THIS. JUST ADMIT IT!
I DON'T UNDER-STAND.
ADMIT IT ...!
LET YOU TAKE OVER ...!?
WHAT?
IT'S SHOW TIME!
TIME'S UP!
WHAT IF I DO SAY IT?

ZZZZZZ
ガシッ
AAUAA!!

HAA
...
HAA
...
HAA
...
HAA
...
HAA
...
01
01
01

?
DON'T GIVE UP.
ER ...

NOT FOR ME...
IMPOSSI-BLE!!
MAN, HE'S BACK AGAIN ?!
WOW!! LOOK!!
KKSHH

WOW !!
COOL !!
AHH !!
OOH !!
MAN!!
UNBE-LIEV-ABLE!
HAA ...
HAA ...

!?
WHY?
NORMAL AGAIN!!
WHAT?

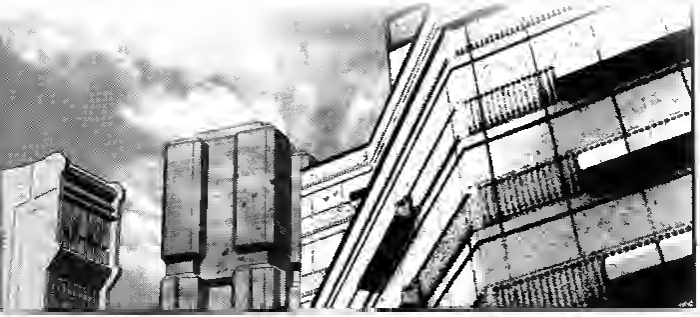
KRAAAH
WHAT WAS HIS INTENTION ?!
I DON'T GET IT!
A LONG TIME AGO ..
HAA ...
AT THE TIME IT WAS EXCITING.
HAA ...

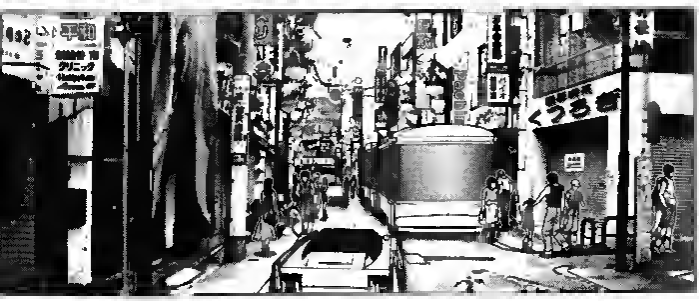
!?
SABAAA

EYAAAH!!!
01 (ZERO ONE) WIN!!
WHAT NOW?
IT'S GONE?
IT'S GONE? WHY?
CRITICAL HIT.
A HIT ON THIS POINT KILLED YOU.
HA ....
YES!
HE WON?
YES!
WHAT?

[X033]
PHALANX

WHAT?!
THE BALD GUY? REALLY?!
YOSHIMURA-SAN, HE'S A BIOLOGY TEACHER
PIPIPI
WHAT?
IS IT BECAUSE OF SOMEBODY ELSE?
WHO?
HUH, REALLY?
KEI, YOU'RE IN THE ARCADE OFTEN, RIGHT?
HUH?
CHAK
WE COULD ONLY HAVE SEX ... RIGHT?
WHAT ABOUT SEX?
BUT NOT FOR THAT!
YOU'RE ON THE PHONE WITH A WOMAN
BYE? UH...
SO, WE'RE SPLITTING UP!! BYE!





PHEW ....
IT'S PROBABLY NOT OPEN YET.

THAT'S SO UNBELIEVABLE !! YOU'RE SO GREAT !!
DID YOU REALLY BECOME 01 ?
WOW, YOU MUST HAVE LOTS OF EXPE-RIENCE.
...
NO ...
THAT .... WASN'T ME.
NOT ME ....
YEAH.

TAP TAP TAP TAP TAP
?
WHEW!
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NO.
DO YOU LIVE HERE?
OKAY.
I DID.
YES.
MY PANTIES?
YOU STARED AT...
YOU'RE CUTE.
...
ME TOO.
I'M ONLY WAITING.
PER-VERTED!
NO! THAT'S DISGUSTING!
IF YOU WANT, YOU CAN TOUCH MY BOOBS.
BECAUSE YOU WILL LIKE IT.

HEY... DO YOU KNOW SOMEBODY FROM THIS ARCADE?
I WAS ONLY JOKING !!
SHE'S CUTE!
HEY ...

NO ONE'S HERE YET.
NO.
IT'S NOT OPEN YET?
WHAT? CUSTOM-ERS?
I AM OPENING IT NOW.
HI!

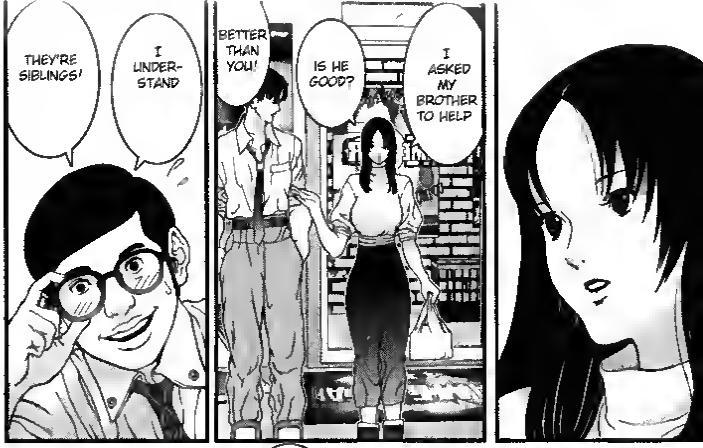
YOU WANT TO BE IN OUR TEAM?
WHAT?!
OPEN FOR ALL ...
OH...
STRONG !!
WOW !!
MIDDLE C-LEVEL.
... ASK YOU FOR YOUR LEVELS?
CAN I...
YEAH!! WE HAVE A CHANCE AT THE CHAMPION-SHIP!!
I'M IN UPPER C-LEVEL!
BLINK

THAT 01 PLAYER ....
HE WILL COME HERE WON'T HE?
DOES HE LOOK LIKE A STAR?
DOES HE HAVE A GIRLFRIEND?
!?
UH ...
DOES HE HAS A GIRLFRIEND .... ??
NO...?

TAP
TAP
TAP
TAP
AHH...

HERE I AM ....
AS PROMISED ....
MISTER 01 !!

IT'S NOT ME!
THAT'S ....
HA HA HA HA HA!
... O! ... ??
NO, WE'RE 5 NOW.
HA?
SO, DO WE HAVE 7 PEOPLE?
UH...
OH!
H.. HELLO!
VIIIIIIII
THANKS FOR COMING!
HELLO!


THEY'RE SIBLINGS!
I UNDER-STAND
BETTER THAN YOU!
IS HE GOOD?
I ASKED MY BROTHER TO HELP

WE'RE STILL SHORT ONE PLAYER.
NOW WE'RE 6.

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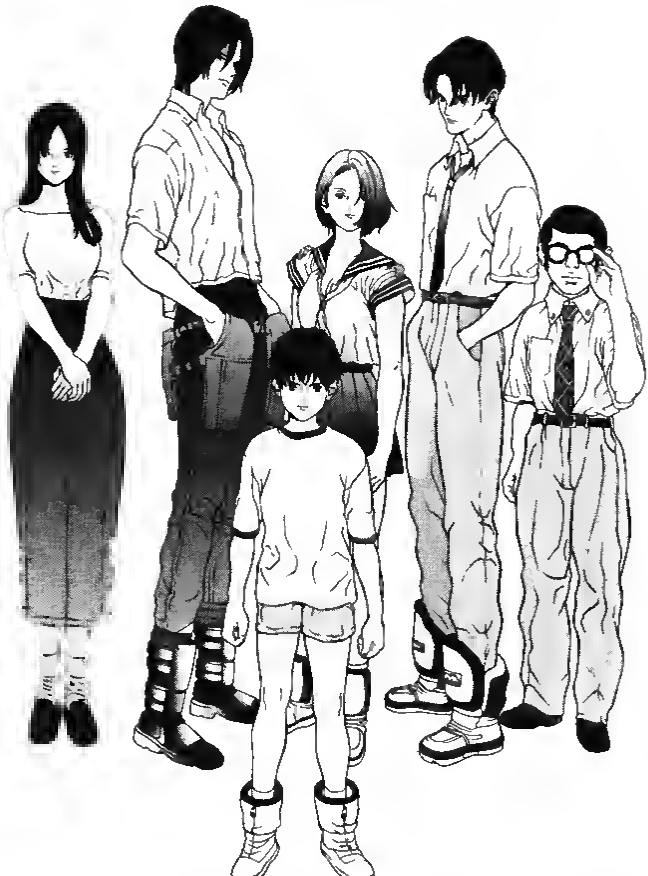

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DOES ANYONE KNOW A GOOD PLAYER?
ANOTHER PLAYER SO, WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?
!?
ISN'T HE HERE?
THE ONE WHO RECRUITED ME
HIJIKATA -SAN?
THE BOXER?
WHAT ABOUT
AH...
NO.
HE HASN'T BEEN HERE EVER SINCE HIS DEFEAT.

!?
I COULD JOIN IN.
I'M ENTITLED TO DO SO
MOM OWNS THIS GAMESTAR
RIGHT, GRANDPA?

YES.. AS FAST AS POSSIBLE!
WE HAVE TO REGISTER
I DON'T MIND.
WE ARE 7 NOW!!
WE ARE GOING TO REGISTER TODAY
FUM
FUM

I AM AN OFFICE SUPPLIES SALESCLERK.
I AM TOKUSHI SURUTA.
I NEED ALL OF YOUR NAMES.
SO, LET'S REGISTER.

STUDENT.
MASAMI KONDOU.

SHE'S PROUD OF HER CHEST.
SAYAKA MINAMOTO. 23 YEARS OLD. HOUSEWIFE.
"UKIVI AND SO SHE SHOULD."
I'M A HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT
I'M... YOSHITSUNE MINAMOTO HER BROTHER
DON'T INTERRUPT ME!

NANA AKECHI.
I GO TO HIGH SCHOOL.
I LOVE KIDS.
HOUSEWIFE
MARRIED
SIGH
SIGH
SIGH

NERO ISURUGI!
I'M NERO.

TRAITOR!
BUM!

NO, YOU DO!
YOU PLAY DIRTY !!

WHO AMONG YOU IS THE STRONGEST?
HEE ....
MBZ
MBZ
SO WHAT DO YOU WANT?
I AM.

URK!
I'LL FILL IN FOR HIM.
HE'S NO GOOD.

... REGISTER HIJIKATA-SAN ...
WOULD YOU PLEASE...
WHAT ?
GRAND-PA!
ARE YOU CRAZY?
... INSTEAD OF AT-CHAN ...!
THAT I NEED TO BEAT.
THERE IS A TEAM...

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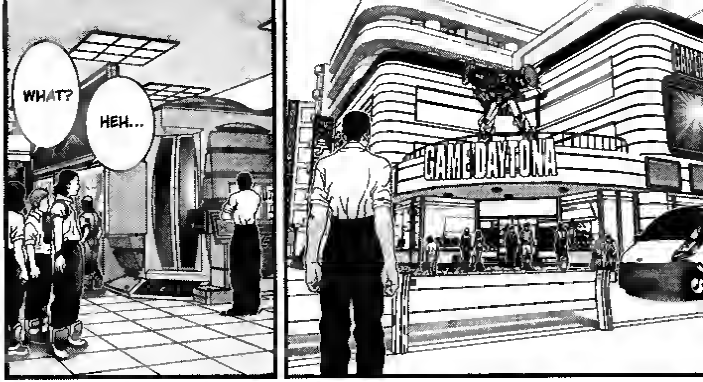
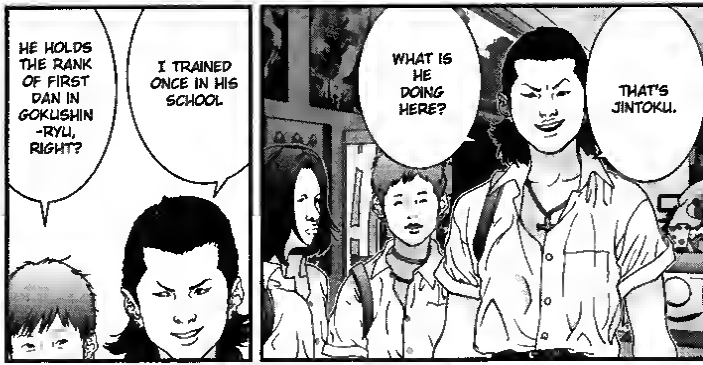
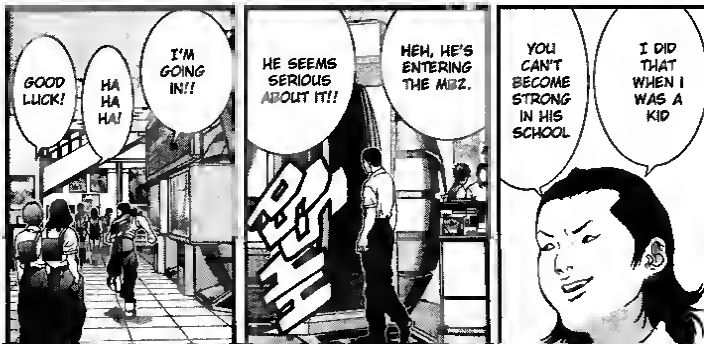
JINTOKU

AFTER ... ALOIS AND KENTO ?
HOW DO YOU WANT TO LOOK
WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO NOW?
AND FATHER'S MONEY IS ALL USED UP
YOU HAVEN'T GOT ANY STUDENTS
YOUNG PEOPLE ARE TOTALLY CRAZY ABOUT IT
IN MBZ THE CHARACTER MOVES ACCORDING TO YOUR MOVEMENTS
STYLE FOR A GAME. THIS IS THE ONLY WAY I CAN SHOW YOUNGSTERS THE JINTOKU STYLE
FATHER PLEASE FORGIVE ME FOR USING YOUR MARTIAL ART


WHAT?
HEH...
GAME DAYTONA


HE HOLDS THE RANK OF FIRST DAN IN GOKUSHIN -RYU, RIGHT?
I TRAINED ONCE IN HIS SCHOOL
WHAT IS HE DOING HERE?
THAT'S JINTOKU.

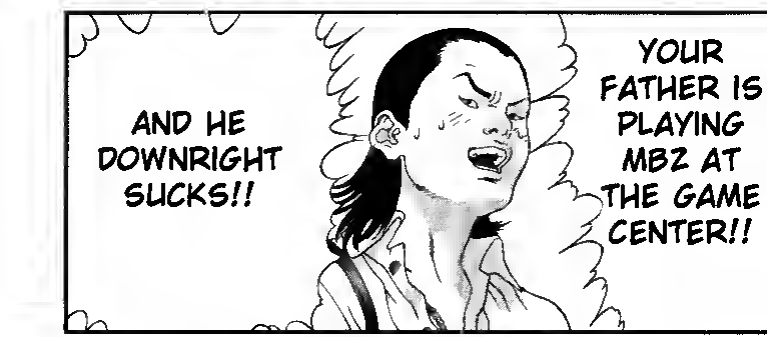

GOOD LUCK!
HA HA HA!
I'M GOING IN!!
HE SEEMS SERIOUS ABOUT IT!!
HEH, HE'S ENTERING THE MIX.
YOU CAN'T BECOME STRONG IN HIS SCHOOL
I DID THAT WHEN I WAS A KID

HEY!
IT REMINDS ME OF THAT TIME.
THAT I WOULD SEE IT IN THE MBZ...

PSSHH
EASY GAME ...
WEAK-LING.
HA HA HA HA HA!
PSSHH
...
I HAVE SOME MORE IF YOU WANT
YOU HAVE TO EAT MORE
ARE YOU NOT HUNGRY?
YES, I AM.
...
DON'T YOU LIKE IT?

HA HA HA HA HA!
JINTO-KU..
!?
HEH, JINTO-KU...
HA HA HA HA!
NO!
TUM TUM
HER CHEST SEEMS TO BE PADDED, DON'T YOU THINK SO?
HA HA HA HA HA!
OUCH! OUCH!
TUM
AND SHE'S ONLY 13?!
GREAT !!
HEH, REALLY !!
HE! HE! ... YOU LIKE HER ....
OHH.. A CONFESSION!
THAT IS IF I CAN TOUCH YOUR BREASTS.
I DON'T HAVE A GIRLFRIEND AT THE MOMENT. SO FROM NOW ON I'M YOUR NEW BOYFRIEND!

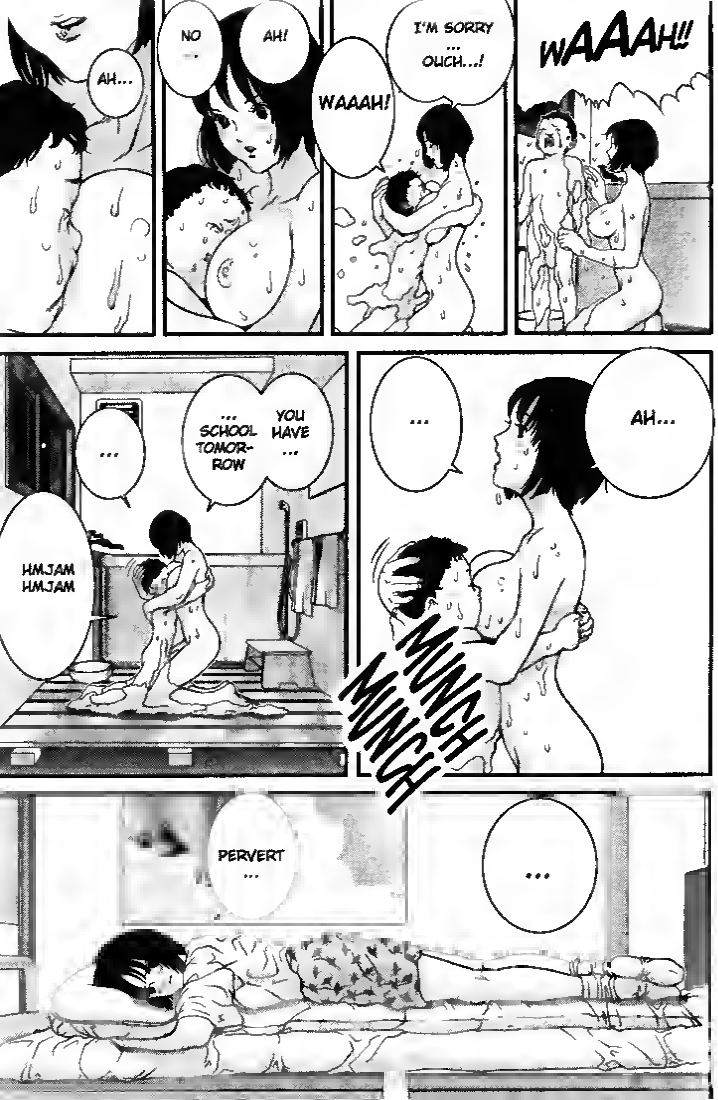
NICE COU-PLE!
BITCH!
SHE'S ALWAYS LIKE THAT!
HA HA HA! SHE BRUSHED HIM OFF!
WHAT ?
GRABB


AND HE DOWNRIGHT SUCKS!!
YOUR FATHER IS PLAYING MBZ AT THE GAME CENTER!!

!?

HA...
HA...
HA HA HA
HE'S DOING BADLY!
HE LOST AGAIN.
HEH
WHAT IS HE THINKING?
OH NO! WHAT A DISGRACE!

ALOIS, PLEASE BATHE KENTO.
NOOOO...
NO ...?
YOU HAVE A STIFFY.
YES, I KNOW.
WEENIE WEENIE
WEENIE WEENIE


AH...
NO
AH!
WAAAH!
I'M SORRY ... OUCH...!
WAAAH!!
...
AH...
... SCHOOL TOMOR-ROW
YOU HAVE ...
...
HMJAM HMJAM
MUNCH MUNCH
PERVERT ...
...

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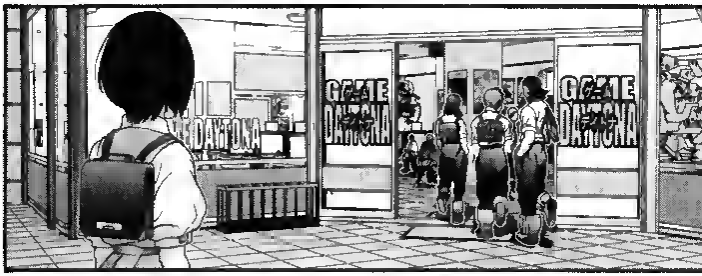
SHIT.
WHERE IS IT?
EH?
WHAT ?

CIAO.
CIAO.


DAYTONA
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LET ME TOUCH!
I'M GETTING BORED
TAP TAP
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WHAT DO YOU INTEND TO DO?
NOW WAITING
DON'T TOUCH.
TAP
TAP
GRUM
GRUM
YEAH.
IS THIS FUN?
PLOOOMP
PLOOMP

RANK
YOU HAVE A CHAL-LENGER

THIS GUY AGAIN.
WHAT?

SHUUUU
IT LOOKS SO REAL ...!
OH!
SHUUUUU

WHY DON'T YOU GIVE UP?
YOU DON'T KNOW THE GAME NOR MARTIAL ARTS.
I KNOW HIM ...
... NOT FOR-GIVEN.
SPIN
GRRR

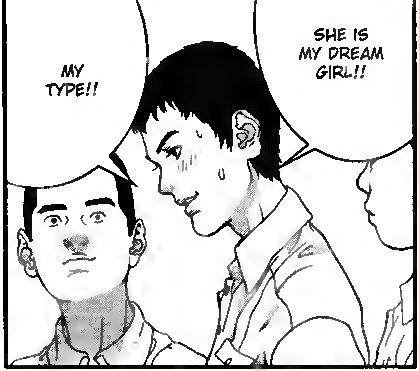
HEH
IT COSTS 500 YEN A MINUTE.
HE NEVER LEARNS.
HE'S BACK AGAIN.
HEH
COME ON!
BRAM
SHABOOM
AAAAH!!
BAM

WHAT? I CAN'T SEE ANYTHING!!

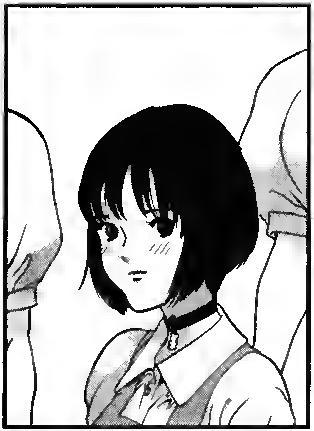
HA HA HA! LOST!
LOST AGAINST THIS GUY!
DAMN IT ...
... HE'S GOTTEN GOOD!
WHAT?
HI, ALOIS. I DIDN'T KNOW YOU PLAYED MBZ.
YOU LOST TO A GIRL?
AGAINST HIS DAUGHTER.
THIS WAS MY FIRST GAME!
AND YOURS?
...
DISGRACE-FUL ...
AND YOU'VE ALREADY SPENT SOOOO YEN.

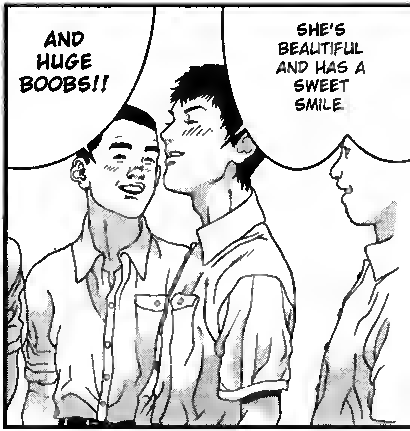
YOU'RE GOING TO BE BETTER THAN ME.
... YOU MASTERED THE JINTOKU STYLE BETTER.
I THINK ...
... KEEP IT A SECRET FROM HIM.
YOUR FATHER ...
YOUNG-STERS GO FOR IT.
PAPA, DO YOU KNOW MBZ?
...
IF I LOSE, THEN YOU WILL HAVE TO GO ON!!
WHAT DO YOU THINK?
I WANT TO USE IT IN ORDER TO SHOW THE JINTOKU STYLE.

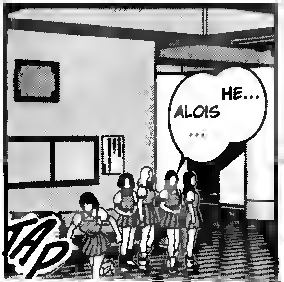
I WISH I WAS LIKE YOU.
OOPS...
HEY, ALOIS. WHY ARE YOU SO BEAUTIFUL?
IT DOESN'T MATTER SINCE HE'S HUGE
HE'S UGLY.
I LIKE MISHI-KAWA.
AOYAMA PLAYS FOOTBALL HE'S COOL.
ME TOO.
I HAVE TO GO TO THE TOILET
OH.
THE PITCHER OF THE BASEBALL CLUB.
WHO?
NAKATANI SUPPOS-EDLY LIKES ALOIS.
WHY ARE THEY ALWAYS TALKING ABOUT BOYS?
BLABLABLA

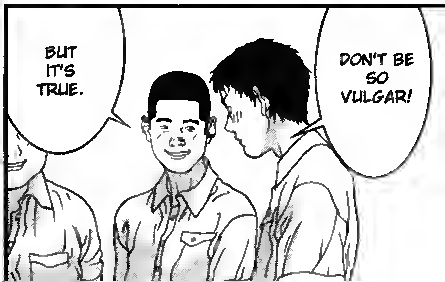

MY TYPE!!
SHE IS MY DREAM GIRL!!

THIS IS THE ONE
YEAH
JINTOKU IS CUTE
THAT GUY




AND HUGE BOOBS!!
SHE'S BEAUTIFUL AND HAS A SWEET SMILE


HE... ALOIS ....
THD


BUT IT'S TRUE.
DON'T BE SO VULGAR!

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* JINTOKU MARTIAL ARTS SCHOOL
NOBODY ...
NOBODY UNDER-STANDS ME.

... I WAS A BOY ...
I WISH ...
I DON'T ...
... WANT THESE.
BYAH!
FLOP
FLIP
SUCK
PLOOMP
PLOOMP
WHAT A DISGUSTING THOUGHT.
IF ONLY IT WAS POSSIBLE ...

...BUT THIS IS MORE INTEREST-ING.
MY FRIENDS ARE ALWAYS TALKING ABOUT BOYS...
GAME DAYTONA
YEAH... SURE.
I WANT TO PLAY.
HELLO.
SHIN

LET'S SAY... KANTO...
THIS CONNECTS ME TO THE WHOLE WORLD!!

SO EXCITING ...!

THE CHALLENGER
OH...

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THOSE 2
DON'T DO SUCH A THING EVER AGAIN.
THUMP
THUMP
THERE!!
WHAT? I DON'T KNOW ...!?
WHAT HAVE YOU DONE, ZERO ONE?
WHAT!?
!?

CON-
SERVA-
TIVE...

WHAT?
HEH
SMASH
SHIT!!

!?
TUM
SMASH
OH NO!!
TRUM TRUM
TRUM TRUM

LET ME HANDLE THAT ZERO ONE!!
YOU TRANS-FORMED TOO EARLY!
SHRRM

TRANS-FORMED...
WOW...

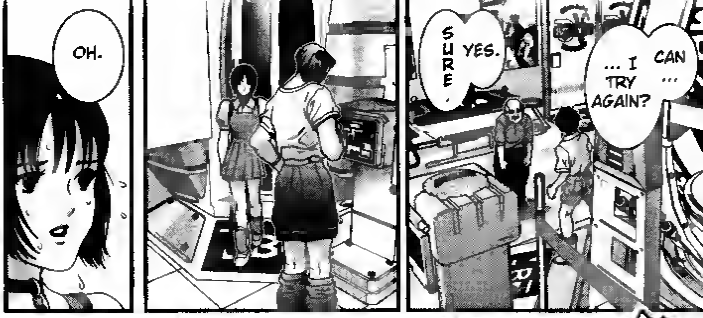
HAA!
HAA!
HAA!
HAA!

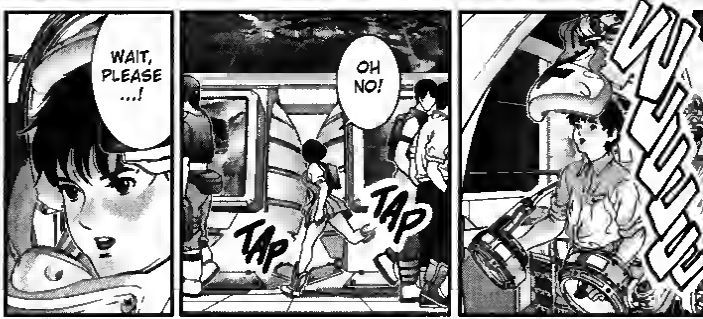
!?
WHERE DID HE GO?
...
WHAM
SHUM
SHUM
SHUM
HA HA HA HA...
HA HA HA HA...

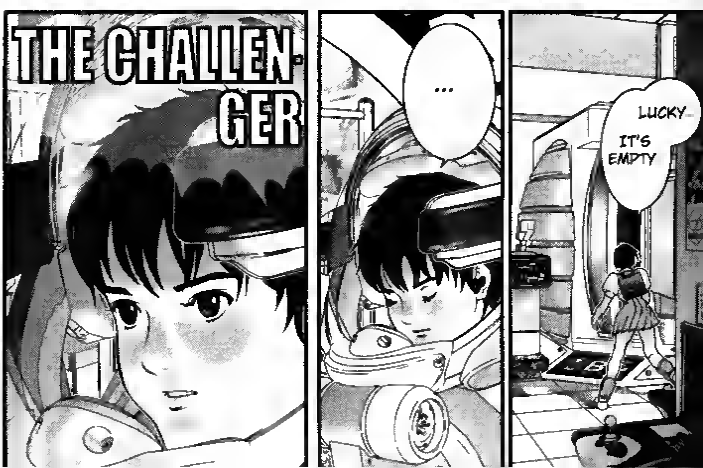
TO USE ENERGY BOMBS, YOU HAVE TO PUSH THE BIG BUTTON AT THE END.
WELL, LET THE FIGHT CONTINUE
YES.
DO YOU HEAR ME?
... PRESS THE B-BUTTON.
IN ORDER TO TALK...
EEK!
WASH
STRETCH YOUR ARM OUT AND RELEASE THE BUTTON!
IT'S COMING!! WOW!! WOW!!
!?
WHAT?
ARE YOU A GIRL?
01

A... BOY...
WHAT ABOUT YOU?
GIRL? BOY?
I'M NERO ISURUGI.
A BOY.
UNUSUAL NAME.
I'M ALOIS JINOKU.
AN UN-COMMON NAME, TOO.

THEN, LET'S PLAY ONCE MORE.
NO.
ARE YOU TIRED ?
WHY ?
... I LOSE, AND CHAL-LENGE YOU TO A DUEL.
WELL, THEN ...
HMM ...
I DON'T HAVE ANY MONEY.
NOPE.
WHAM
I'M WAITING FOR YOU.
OH, BUT...
... ON ...!
COME ...


OH.
SURE.
YES.
... I TRY AGAIN?
CAN ...


WAIT, PLEASE ...!
OH NO!
TAP
TAP
WHEEE


THE CHALLENGER
...
LUCKY IT'S EMPTY

HAA!
HAA!
HAA!
HAA!
HAA!
HAA!
HAA!
maximum battle zone
WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?
VIRTUAL GAYS.
ARE THEY GAY?

... ALOIS.
THE HEROINE ...
THE DOG OF FLAN-DERS. THE HERO IS CALLED NERO.
... GOD ...!
OH... MY
...
COOL...
LUNCH TIME!
ALOIS, IS EVERY-THING OK?
... WHAT NERO LOOKS LIKE ...?
I WON DER ...

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FIRST LOVE

HAA!
HAA!
TAP TAP TAP
PUSH
HAA!
HAA!

I HAVE A GUY FRIEND-SHIP.
MY DREAM HAS COME TRUE.
WHAM!
WE FIGHT WITHOUT MERCY!
IT'S AN HONEST RELATION-SHIP.

WHAT DO YOU LOOK LIKE, NERO?
HMM?
MY LOOKS ...
LONG HAIR?
NO. NEITHER SHORT. NORMAL.
AND YOU?
WHAT?
ME?
I'M...
...BALD. I'M PART OF THE BASEBALL CLUB.
DID YOU ...
...JOIN ANY CLUBS?
I DON'T GO TO SCHOOL.
MY FATHER FORBADE IT.
HE SAYS, I SHOULD DISCOVER MY OWN TALENTS.
THAT'S UNUSUAL.

I OFTEN ...
...DREAM ABOUT YOU LATELY.
WE SIT AROUND ...
... AND TALK. LIKE WE ARE DOING NOW.
PEEK

... THAT WE'VE KNOWN EACH OTHER FOREVER.
... I HAVE A FEELING ...
SOME-HOW ...
WOW.
REALLY?
WOW.
ME TOO ...
ME ...
... ME
... ME
BLUSH
WHAT?
DO YOU... HAVE A GIRL-FRIEND?

WHAT AM I SAYING ?
OH MY GOD...
AHHH
OH
...
WHAT?
GIRL-FRIEND?
TUM
TUM
TUM
WELL DO YOU HAVE ONE?

NO.
ME ...?
UFF...
YES.
HA HA! WAS I SO EASY TO SEE THROUGH?
... RE- LIEVED.
YOU SEEM ...
WHAT?
YOU NEITHER, ALOIS.

WHAT KIND OF...
... GIRL DO YOU LIKE?
HM...
NO IDEA.
... AND ... WHAT KIND DO YOU DISLIKE ?
HMM ... ...
A GIRL WHO LIES.
THAT'S THE ONLY THING I DISLIKE.
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WHAT KIND OF GIRL...
HEE?
AND YOU?
IS IT SO SHOCKING?
WHY AM I CRYING?
GRRR
GRIPP
I DON'T CARE ABOUT THEM
GIRLS ARE ..
...WITH YOU
...RATHER BE...
I'D ..
ME TOO

...IS CALLED ...
...ALOIS.
MY BEST FRIEND ...
IT'S A GOOD THING.
YOU HAVE MANY FRIENDS.
IS ALOIS A GIRL'S NAME?
ALOIS ...
A BOY ...
NO. A BOY.
A GIRL?
I SEE!?
BUT THE END OF THE STORY IS SHOCKING
A FINE BOOK.
READ IT.
A BOOK.
IT'S A NAME FROM A DOG OF FLANDERS.

ALOIS. YOU WERE SO HAPPY BEFORE ...
...AND NOW YOU LOOK SO DEPRESSED.
A LIAR ...
DOES HE NEVER LIE?
IF HE FINDS OUT I'M A GIRL...
...HE'LL HATE ME.
I SHOULD-N'T SAY ANY-THING.
HI, JINTOKU.
OH.
WE ONLY MEET EACH OTHER IN THE GAME.
GO, ALOIS ...
WHAT?

WILL YOU GO OUT WITH ME!?
I THINK OF YOU EVERYDAY.
YOU ARE MY IDEAL GIRL.
I'M SORRY.
I ALREADY LIKE SOMEONE ELSE.
OKAY. I SEE.
YES... I LIKE HIM.
I LIKE HIM.
RATTLE
RATTLE
RATTLE

NOBODY WILL NOTICE IT.
ONLY FOR ONE DAY.
I HOPE I CAN FIND HIM.
I HAVE TO APOLOGIZE TO HIM.
SONDERTARIF
福岡 → 東京
FUKUOKA
TOKYO
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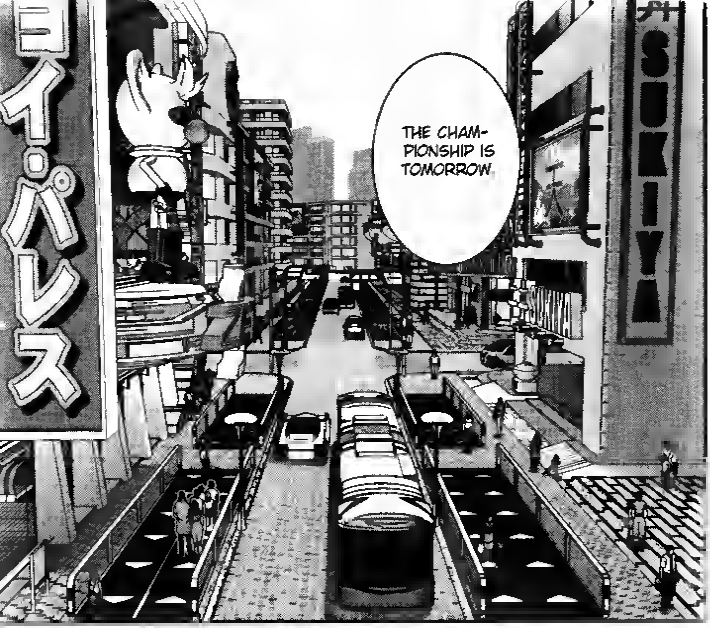
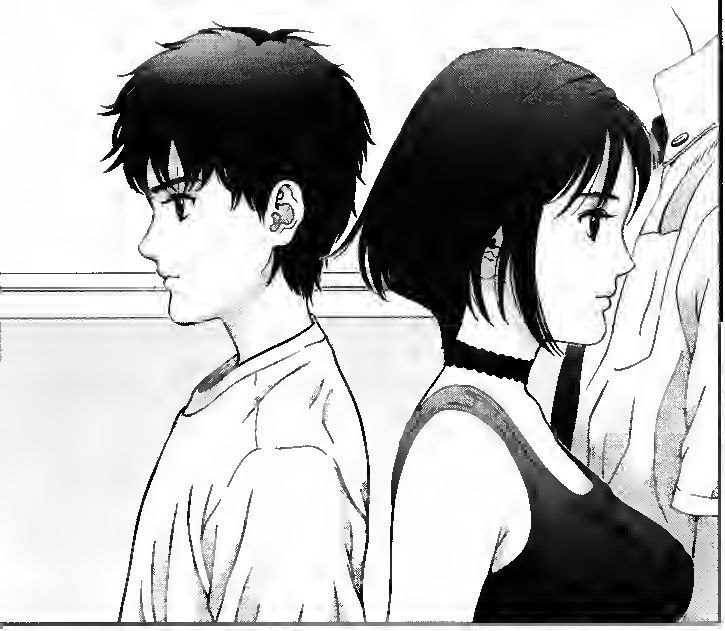
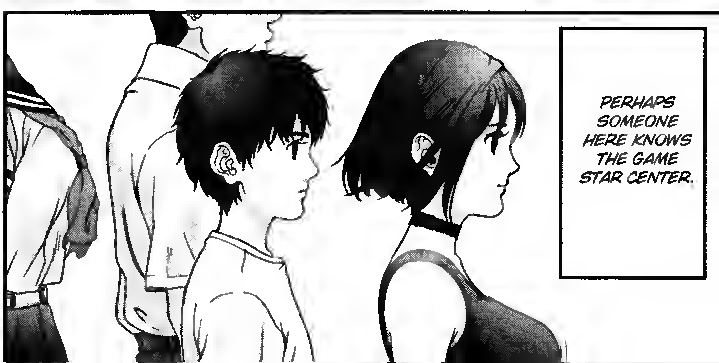

THE CHAMPIONSHIP IS TOMORROW
SUKIYA

THE GAME CENTER ISN'T EQUIPPED FOR IT
.. TO PRACTICE TOGETHER
WE STILL HAVEN'T MANAGED ..

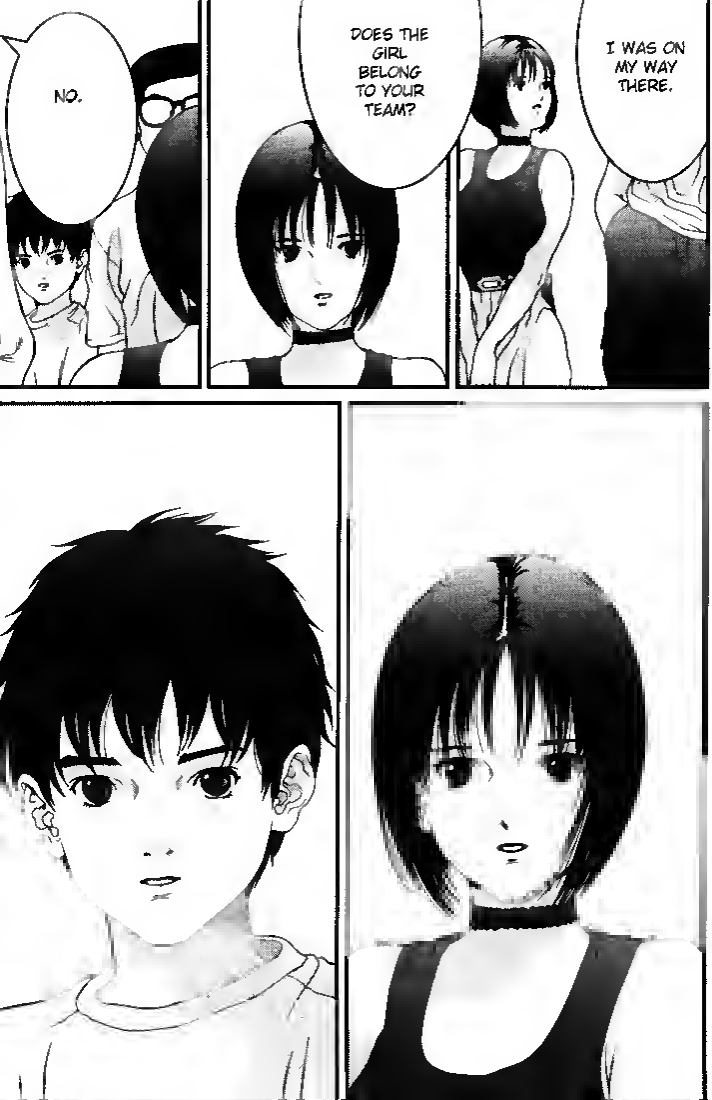


!?
TAP
TAP


PERHAPS SOMEONE HERE KNOWS THE GAME STAR CENTER.

I KNOW IT.
GAME STAR?
DO YOU KNOW IT?
NEVER HEARD OF IT.
WHY?
DO YOU WANT TO KNOW THE WAY?
YES.
I ALSO HAVE A QUESTION FOR YOU.
IS YOUR CHEST FOR REAL?
YES, IT IS.
AH...
AHA...

OUR LAST TEAMMATE.
WHO ...?
MR HIJI-KATA!!
!!
AH!
PLEASE COME BACK, MR HIJIKATA.
OUR TEAM IS COMPLETE.
WE RE-GISTERED YOU TOO.
I ...
...HAVE ANOTHER TEAM NOW.
SORRY ...

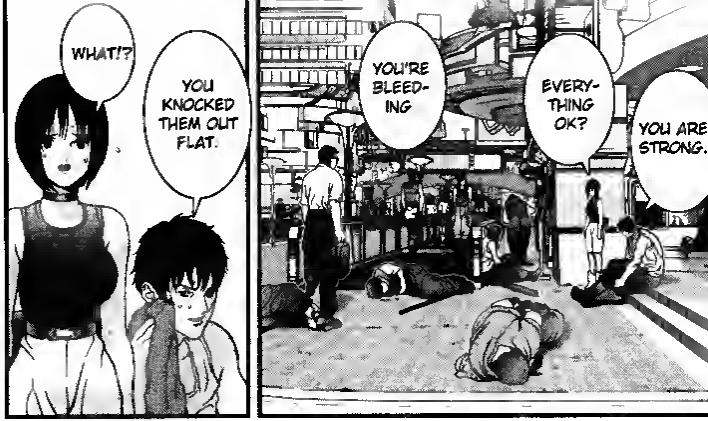

NO.
DOES THE GIRL BELONG TO YOUR TEAM?
I WAS ON MY WAY THERE.

THAT'S OVER THEN.
LET'S GO.
OH.
I'VE FOUND HIM
WE'RE AT THE JOY PALACE.
I'LL BE THERE IN A MINUTE.
BLUSH
BEAUTIFUL EYES...
DID YOU JUST FIND OUT ABOUT GIRLS...?
LITTLE ONE...
WHERE IS EVERYONE?
YOUR TEAM?
YES...

ARAAH!!
EEEEEK!!
TINY
BIM
HELP! SOMEBODY PLEASE HELP!!
!!
!!

STAND
AAHUU!
WHO ARE YOU!!
. . . IS . . .
WHAT . . .

ARRF!
URK!
uuuh ...
THWM
AAYAA
AAAAAAH!


WHAT!?
YOU KNOCKED THEM OUT FLAT.
YOU'RE BLEEDING
EVERYTHING OK?
YOU ARE STRONG.

I'LL SHOW YOU THE WAY. IT DOESN'T MATTER.
I HAVE TIME NOW.
HUH!?

CLOSED? WHAT'S GOING ON?
YES.
IS IT HERE?
ARE YOU MEETING SOMEONE?
EVERY-THING ALLRIGHT?
CAN YOU MANAGE?
YES.
THANK YOU.

NERO PLAYS MBZ HERE.
NERO ...
PERHAPS WE HAVE MET BEFORE.
HA HA ...
VERY WELL THEN!
...
I HAVE TO GO.

[X040]
THE PREVIOUS DAY

NOW, WHEN I THINK ABOUT IT...
IF I APPEAR IN FRONT OF HIM NOW ...
... AND IT TURNS OUT I'M A GIRL ....

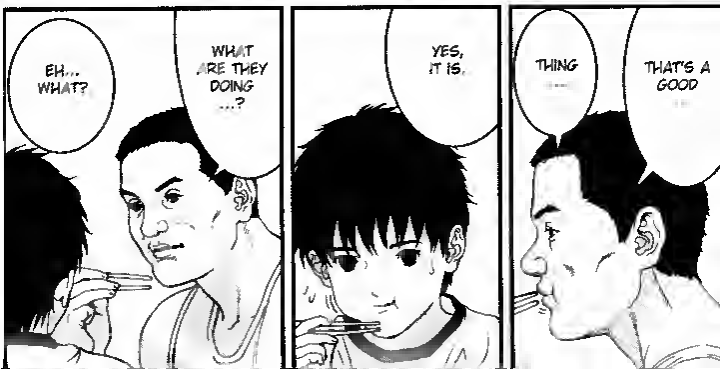
SO, THIS IS WHERE ...
... THAT NERO PLAYS MBZ.

... WHAT WOULD HE DO THEN?
I GUESS HE WOULD BE CONFUSED.

OKAY
I HAVE TO GO
TOKYO
YES
A FLIGHT
TONIGHT
FROM TOKYO
TO FUKUOKA
...
SEE YOU LATER!

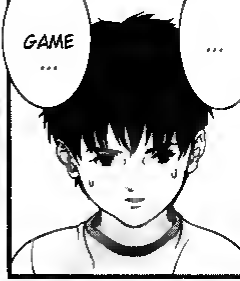
WROOOM

SO, DID YOU MAKE NEW FRIENDS, NERO?
HUH?
YES


EH... WHAT?
WHAT ARE THEY DOING ...?
YES, IT IS.
THAT'S A GOOD THING

...
AHA ...
THEY ARE THE SAME AGE AS ME... STUDENTS AND...
EH ...
WHAT ARE THEY DOING?
YOUR FRIENDS ...
!?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
GULP
PLEASE ... DISCUSS THIS AFTER DINNER
WHAT ARE YOU DOING NOW?
PUT YOUR CHOPSTICKS DOWN

CHAMPION-SHIP.
I'M TAKING PART IN A ...


GAME ...
...

IT'S REALLY DIFFICULT.
PRO PLAYERS ARE IN THERE
THE GAME ...

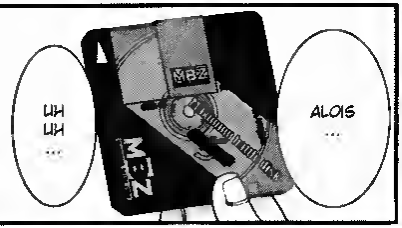
NEVER.
NO.
CHOMP CHOMP

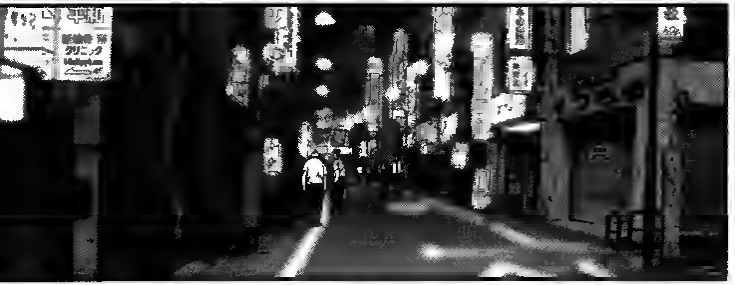
FATHER!!
SLAP
DO YOU KNOW WHY YOUR MOTHER AND I ARE WORKING ?
IT'S CERTAINLY NOT FOR SOME GAME OF YOURS.
DO YOU EVEN HAVE A TINY IDEA WHY WE EARN THAT MONEY?

NERO!!
DASH
UHH...
UHH...
NEROOO!!

... TO SEE MY FRIENDS AGAIN.
NOT ALLOWED ...

IT'S OVER ...!
I'M ...
NOT ALLOW-ED ...
TO PLAY GAMES ...


UH UH ...
ALOIS ...
MBZ



HU ...
HAA ...

UH ...
UHH ...

A HAND-KERCHIEF ..
?
THANK YOU ... UHAA!
OH GOD..
CLEAN... SMELLS NICE .
HUH?

2.KLASSE
ALOIS JINTOKU
WAS ALOIS ...
HERE ?
WHAT ...?

DID HE COME TO SEE ME?
WHY?
FROM FUKUOKA?
TAP TAP
TAP

HE'S ... ALREADY GONE.

TAP

ALOIS ...
2. KLASSE
ALOIS JINTOKU
IT'S A PITY ...
BE QUIET, O!!
DON'T GIVE UP THE GAME!
HEY ...
I AM AFRAID
TOMORROW IS THE CHAMPIONSHIP. GO TO THE JOY PALACE!
I WON'T PLAY!!
WHY ...!?
HUH?
WHAT?

AAH..
AAH..
CRAZY!
YOU ARE NOT...
NO...
LA...
LA...
LA...

ZERO ONE

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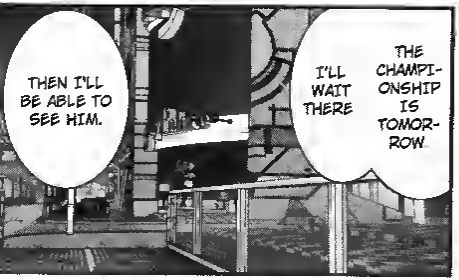
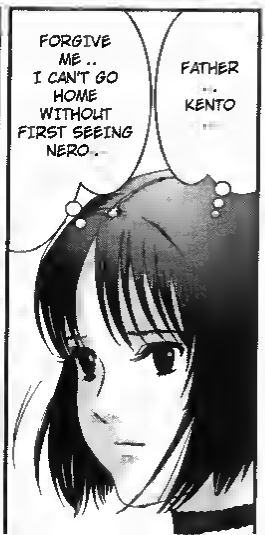
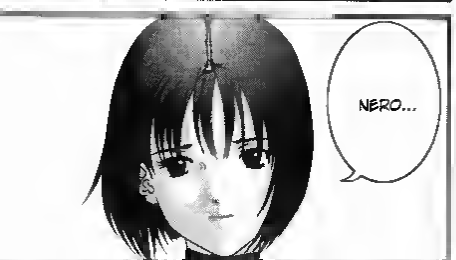
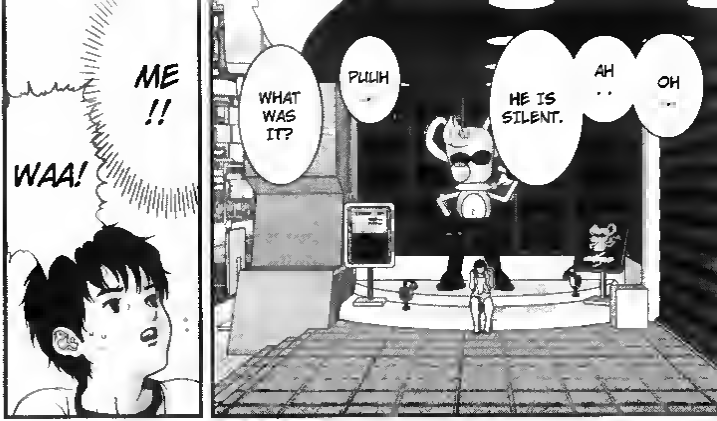
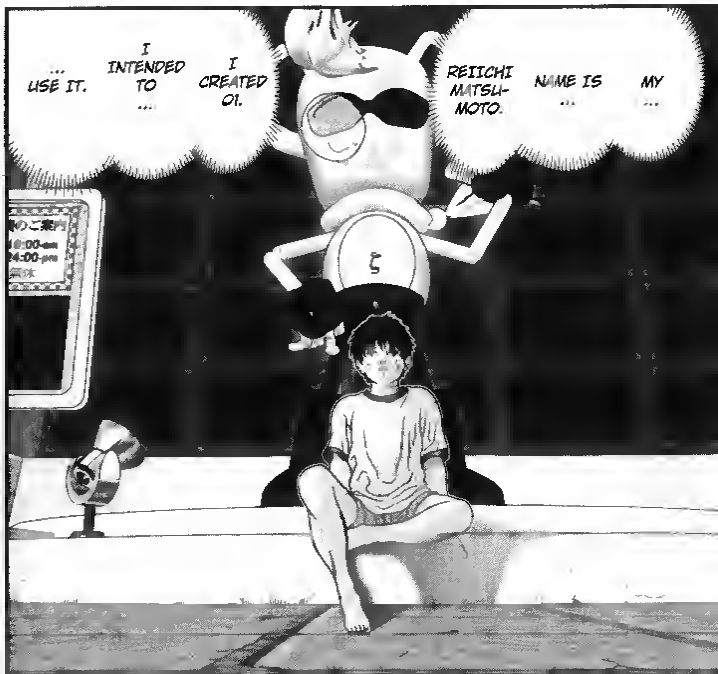
[FINALE]
FUTURE


THEN I'LL BE ABLE TO SEE HIM.
I'LL WAIT THERE
THE CHAMPI-ONSHIP IS TOMOR-ROW


FORGIVE ME.. I CAN'T GO HOME WITHOUT FIRST SEEING NERO..
FATHER.. KENTO..


NERO...


ME !!
WAA!
WHAT WAS IT?
PUUH ..
HE IS SILENT.
AH ..
OH ...

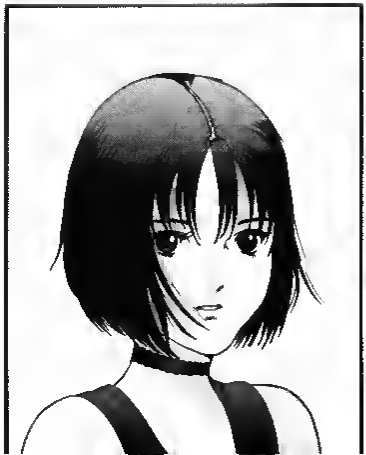

... USE IT.
I INTENDED TO ...
I CREATED 01.
REIICHI MATSU-MOTO.
NAME IS ...
MY ...

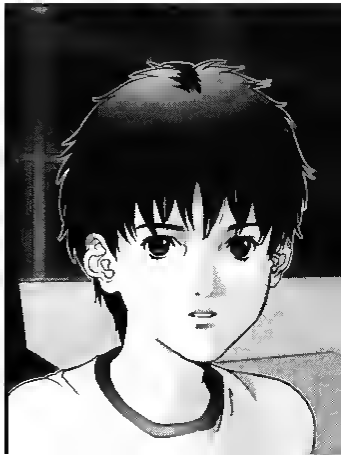
YOU HAVE A SIGHT THAT'S NEARLY AS GOOD AS MINE.
SO, I CHOSE YOU.
BUT, I COULDN'T.
ONCE ...?
I WAS ONCE HUMAN.
ARE YOU A ... HUMAN BEING?
I HAD AN ACCIDENT.
BINGO.
... GHOST ?!
YOU'RE A ...

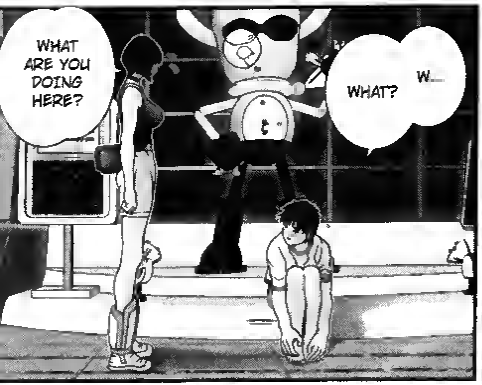
I WANTED TO BE THE BEST MBZ-PLAYER IN THE WORLD.

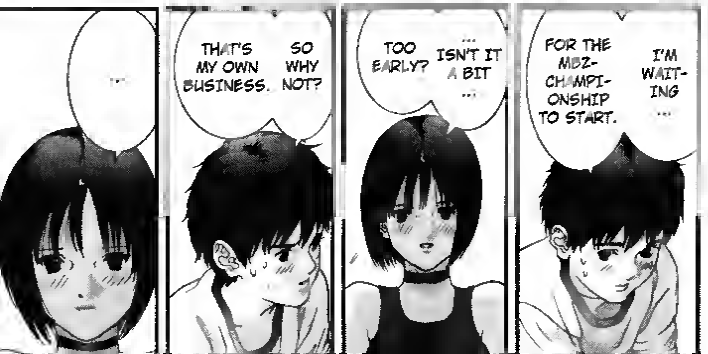
WHY ME?
WHY ...
PLEASE... TURN 01 INTO A CHAMPION

I'M NOT ALLOWED TO PLAY ANYMORE.
BUT ... I ...
YAGAMI ...
!!
YOU CAN DO IT.
YOU STILL WANT TO BEAT YAGAMI.
!?
!?






WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
WHAT?
W...


...
THAT'S MY OWN BUSINESS.
SO WHY NOT?
TOO EARLY?
ISN'T IT A BIT ...
...
FOR THE MDZ-CHAMPI-ONSHIP TO START.
I'M WAIT-ING ...

I'M ALSO WAITING FOR IT TO START.
!?
THANK YOU.
OF COUR-SE.
WELL, SURE. . YEAH.
AM I NOT ALLOW-ED TO?
WHAT?
NOW?
WHAT?
ξ

GULP
GULP
DID YOU ...
RUN AWAY FROM HOME?
WHY?
WHAT?
BARE-FOOTED ...
RED EYES ...
I HAVE DONE THAT BEFORE TOO.
CAME HOME EARLY IN THE MORNING.
REALLY...?

AH ... IT'S NOTHING.
?
UFF...
WHY DO I HAVE THESE FEELINGS ... THE WAY HE TALKS ...
WHAT AM I DOING ... THAT'S ... PERHAPS ...
TU M
TU M
TU M TU M
TU M TU M
THE AVATAR ...?
HEH?
WHAT IS IT CALLED?
HOW ...
IT'S MY OWN PERSONAL ONE ...
?
... DID YOU CHOOSE ?
BY THE WAY, WHICH AVATAR ..

... ZERO ONE.
IT'S NAME IS...
SHUN
!?
ARE YOU FROM KYUSHYU?
YOU HAVE AN ACCENT...

WHAT? WHAT?
I LIED TO YOU.
I'M SORRY...
ALOIS JINTOKU.
ALOIS.
I'M...

ALOIS ..
WHAT?!
HEH...
I WANTED... MY FRIEND... TO BE A BOY.
BUHUU ... SORRY ... I'M...
UHUUU ...

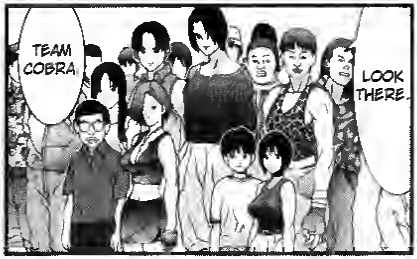
THAT' S MINE.
!!
I FOUND IT NEAR THE GAME STAR.
HERE
SORRY... I USED IT TO DRY MY TEARS.
LIKE A GIRL.
YOU SOME-TIMES SHRIEK ...
WHY?
OH?
THAT YOU ARE A GIRL.
BUT IT WAS SORT OF OBVIOUS...
I WAS SUR-PRISED

WE'LL TALK ABOUT IT TOMORROW.
SORRY, MUM. I'M ALRIGHT
WHERE ARE YOU, NERO?
I'LL COME HOME... TOMORROW.
I'M SORRY, DAD.
ALOIS, YOU...

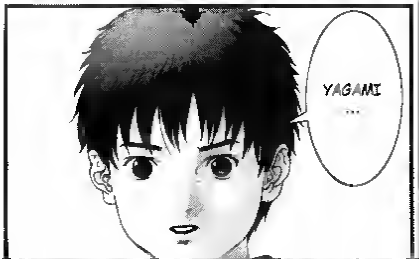
HUH?
HEE, WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
YOU ARE TOO YOUNG FOR A GIRLFRIEND.
OH NO!

HAVE YOU REALLY BEEN WAITING HERE SINCE YESTERDAY?
BLABLABLA
THE 1ST MBZ-TEAM-BATTLE PRE-ELIMINATIONS ARE OPEN!!
UAAAAAH
TEAM BATTLE GRAND PRIX (PRACTICE)
UAAH
BLABLABLABLA

BLA
BLA
BLA
FIRST WE'LL LIST ALL THE FIGHTS.


TEAM COBRA
LOOK THERE.

FOREIGN-ERS AS WELL?
HEE, THE FAVOURITES COBRA!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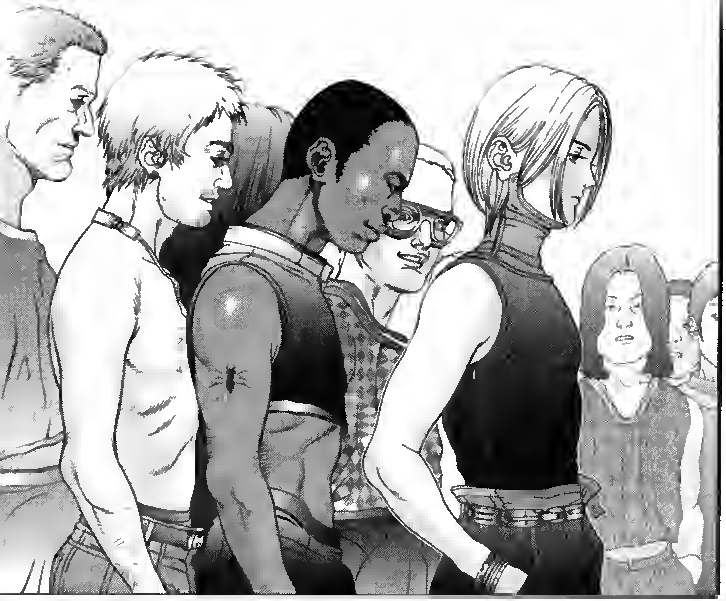
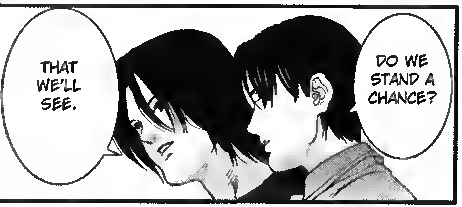
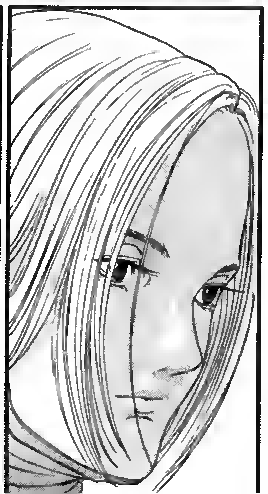



THAT WE'LL SEE.
DO WE STAND A CHANCE?

I'M NOT GOOD ENOUGH ... OK?
PLEASE ...
WHAT? ME...? WHY?



HIJIKATA-SAN, YOU CAME

OLD MAN
HEE...

NOW ... LET'S DO IT.
01 [ZERO ONE]
VOLUME 3 END

ZERO ONE

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S: MEBE
T: AKI
E: HEE

MY THANKS TO ALL THE PEOPLE
WHO'VE HELPED US WITH THIS

MEBE, LEGATO, SHASU, GONWLD,
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AND A-M WHO STARTED THIS SERIES

-LAKAY